

KIRKLEES PREVENTION TEAM

FISHING PROJECT NETS QUALIFICATIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE!

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A YISP fishing project was set up due to the number of young people who had shown an interest in the sport via their ONSET assessments. Rather than just take young people fishing, a project was designed that would incorporate an ASDAN certification looking at the rules surrounding the sport, the need to have licences and pay the appropriate fee's and link in listening and learning skills.

As a pilot project in the summer holidays four young men have taken part over a period of 4 weeks. Three have fished before and have different degrees of skill and one had never fished previously.

The course began with a full health and safety session, aims and objects of the ASDAN course and the need for a certain type of etiquette to be shown when at the various fishing locations. Rules and not being able apply them or to adhere to them is what most of these young people have problems with and why they need intervention work to help them behave properly. Fishing has its rules that must be adhered to at all times and requires a great deal of application and concentration if fish are to be caught, which of course is the main object of the exercise.

The young men involved in this project have bonded as a group, work to help each other when lines get tangled or help is needed to land a fish and have shared tips and experiences to help each other catch more fish. The young man who has never caught a fish before really likes the sport and although he didn't catch anything during two of the sessions still wants to fish and learn more about the sport. The group ensure that they are quiet and respectful to other anglers, don't leave any litter around and treat the fish that they catch with respect and care. This YISP project is a process that carefully combines a sport with other factors which address identified needs in a young persons behaviour whilst at the same time allowing them access to something that can be sustainable for them after their YISP cases are closed.

Each young person on this project has worked hard, learnt a great deal and achieved a certified award that they are proud of.

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